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procedures necessary for the Office of Personnel Management to identify the debtor's account and to add a notation in the debtor's file in anticipation of the time when the debtor requests or becomes eligible to receive payments from the Fund. (This notation will satisfy any requirement that offset be initiated before the applicable statute of limitations expires.)

(d) If, at the time the debtor makes a claim for payments from the Fund, at least one year has elapsed since the offset was originally made, the debtor may offer a satisfactory repayment plan instead of offset upon establishing that changed financial circumstances would render the offset unjust.

(e) If the Department collects part or all of the debt by other means before deductions are made or completed under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary will act promptly to modify or terminate the Department's request for offset under paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 17.116 Procedures for administrative offset: offset of debtor's judgment against the United States.

Collection by offset against a judgment obtained by a debtor against the United States will be accomplished in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3728.

§ 17.117 Procedures for administrative offset: imposition of interest.

Interest will be charged in accordance with § 17.72.

§ 17.118 Miscellaneous provisions: correspondence with the Department.

(a) All correspondence from the debtor to the Secretary shall be addressed to the Department Claims Officer, Office of Finance and Accounting, Department of HUD, Washington, DC 20410.

(b) The Department Claims Officer will deliver any correspondence to the appropriate Deputy Assistant Secretary within four working days.

SALARY OFFSET PROVISIONS

SOURCE: Sections 17.125 through 17.140, appear at 49 FR 32353, Aug. 14, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

24 CFR Subtitle A (4-1-02 Edition)

§ 17.125 Scope.

(a) The provisions set forth in §§ 17.125 through 17.140 are the Department's procedures for the collection by salary offset of a Federal employee's pay to satisfy certain debts owed the government.

(b) These regulations apply to collections by the Secretary from:

(1) Current employees of the Department and other agencies who owe debts to the Department; and

(2) Current employees of the Department who owe debts to other agencies.

(c) These regulations do not apply to debts or claims arising under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 1-9602); the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301-1397f); the tariff laws of the United States; or to any case where collection of a debt by salary offset is explicitly provided for or prohibited by another statute.

(d) These regulations identify the types of salary offset available to the Department, as well as certain rights provided to the employee, which include a written notice before deductions begin, the opportunity to petition for a hearing and to receive a written decision if a hearing is granted. These employee rights do not apply to any adjustment to pay arising out of an employee's election of coverage or a change in coverage under a Federal benefits program requiring periodic deductions from pay, if the amount to be recovered was accumulated over four pay periods or less.

(e) Nothing in these regulations precludes the compromise, suspension or termination of collection actions where appropriate under the Department's regulations contained elsewhere in this subpart (see 24 CFR 17.60 through 17.77).

§ 17.126 Coordinating offset with another Federal agency.

(a) *When HUD is owed the debt.* When the Department is owed a debt by an employee of another agency, the other agency shall not initiate the requested offset until the Department provides the agency with a written certification that the debtor owes the Department a debt (including the amount and basis of